GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7884
ANSWERED ON:17.05.2000
SETTING UP OF A MISSION IN KARACHI
RAJESH RANJAN (PAPPU YADAV)

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times both India and Pakistan have withdrawn their diplomatic personnel from each other`s country since 1990 along with the reasons therefor; and

(b) the present position regarding opening the mission in Karachi again?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) Since 1990, Government asked Pakistan to withdraw 35 officials of its Missionin India, for indulging in activities incompatible with their official status. During the same period, Pakistan asked for the withdrawal of 33 officials ofthe Indian Mission in Pakistan on false and baseless allegations.

(b) The Consulate General of India, Karachi remains closed since 1995 in response to the demand of the Government of Pakistan.